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CONTAINER FOR RELEASING
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0153.P1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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